

THE EYE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1938.

Under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936, the Medical Officer of Health is required to submit an annual report to the Council.

This report is submitted to the Council for its consideration and approval. It is to be read at the next meeting of the Council, and the Council is requested to pass a resolution approving the report.



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for the Year 1938.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year 1938.

The population of the borough was 1,500 in 1938, and the number of births was 150.

The number of deaths was 100.

WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR 1938

There is one Medical Officer of Health who is also the Medical Officer of Health of the surrounding Local District and also the Public Health Officer of the County of Dorset.

There is also one Sanitary Inspector who also acts as the Public Health Officer of the County of Dorset. The Sanitary Inspector is also the Public Health Officer of the County of Dorset. The Sanitary Inspector is also the Public Health Officer of the County of Dorset.

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To Her Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Eye.

Your Worship, Aldermen and Councillors - I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1938 to December 31st. It is in the usual form and no unusual occurrences call for any special emphasis.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area acres.	4410.
Population	1637.
Inhabited houses	543.
Rateable Value	£7328.
Sum raised by ld.rate.	29.

<u>BIRTHS.</u>	Male	Female	Total.
Live legitimate	7.	12.	19.
Live illegitimate.	2.	1.	3.
Rate per 1000 13.4	(Rate for England 15.1.)		
Still legitimate	2.	2.	4.
Still Illegitimate		1.	1.
Rate per 1000 live and still births -	153.		
,, 1000 population -	2.4		

<u>DEATHS.</u>	13.	10.	23.
Rate per 1000, crude 14 - corrected -	9.24.		
	(Rate for England- 11.6)		

<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u>	1.	1.
(under one year)		
Rate per 1000 live births -	45.4.	
	(Rate for England - 53)	

No deaths occurred from measles, whooping cough, diarrhoea in infants or puerperal sepsis. Deaths from cancer were 3.

The population is the estimate provided by the General Register Office. The Area comparability factor remains the same - .66.

No illness was unusually prevalent.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOROUGH.

There is one Medical Officer of Health who is also the Medical Officer of Health of the surrounding Rural District and Assistant County Medical Officer of Health.

There is also one Sanitary Inspector who also serves the Rural District.

Hospital services are provided by the County and for infectious diseases by the Stowmarket Hospital. The Infirmary of the Public Institution is situate within the Borough. A District Nurse under the District Nurses Association resides in the Borough and also serves two outlying parishes

Ambulances are available without delay.

Tuberculosis Sanatoria are provided by the County. No clinics are held within the Borough but the M.O.H. visits all cases at home acting as Assistant County Tuberculosis Officer.

School inspection and clinics are carried out by the M.O.H. acting as Assistant County School Medical Officer. A Welfare Centre meets fortnightly in the Borough and is a valuable service to surrounding villages. It is the only one for a wide area. Laboratory, Venereal and Orthopedic treatment is available at Ipswich with the collaboration of the County Medical services.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	Male	Female.
Cerebrospinal Fever.	1	
Cancer	1	2
Heart disease	2	1
Pneumonia	1	
Digestive Diseases		1
Senility	3	3
Violence (not suicide)	1	1
Other defined diseases	4	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever. 1.
Erysipelas 2.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases notified:-

Non-respiratory. 1 male aged 16.

Removed from register:-

Non-respiratory. 1 male aged 11 recovered

Respiratory 1 male aged 23 not tubercle.

Four cases remain on register at end of year.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes are settled, work having commenced on the former. Details are given in the Sanitary Inspector's report.

There are still houses below a reasonable standard, replacement or reconditioning of which will become necessary soon. The Housing programme of last year is now completed.

Milk supply is satisfactory; accredited and pasteurised supplies are still available.

Shops, workshops and food supplies are kept reasonably clean, having regard to the often old and inconvenient premises used.

I have to thank the Council for their support during the year and for the inception of a progressive policy that it will be a pleasure to assist in carrying out.

Your obedient servant,

HUBERT C.G. PEDLER.

REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS FOR THE YEAR 1938

WATER SUPPLY.

The boring at Langton Green (for the proposed public water supply) was completed to a depth of 375 feet, but after the commencement of the pumping test sand entered the boring in such quantity as to choke it. Attempts to extract the sand were abortive, for it was found that the sand gained access to such an extent that it was futile to continue with the extraction. This decided the Council to abandon the site, and endeavour to get a supply elsewhere. A fresh site near Cranley Hall was finally selected, and the necessary tenders invited for the sinking of another boring. It is anticipated that this will be commenced early in the new year.

This new site is situate further from the Town than the previous one, but the altitude is such that there will be no increase necessary in the height of the water tower, and, although some extra expenditure will be necessary on the service mains, it is anticipated that a saving will be effected in the depth of the boring. The position of the site will enable water to be supplied to properties which would not have been serviced from the Langton Green Site.

SEWERS, SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The contract in connection with the Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme has been placed, and I understand work will be commenced early in the new year.

The sewer ditches communicating with the river had to be cleaned out; and repairs executed to the old sewer where broken by traffic.

More new properties have been erected in the Victoria Hill Area, where no sewer at present exists, but the sewerage scheme as proposed will provide for these. Two new houses erected in Lowgate are on the line of the old sewer. It is hoped that before my next report is written that the sewer will be available to all.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

The closet accommodation of the Borough remains approximately the same, except that some properties have laid new drains and installed water closets in readiness for connection to the new sewers. The collection of night soil remains the same, that is by sludge cart and disposal by panning. I understand that consideration by the Council is being given to the question of putting in force the provision of Sec. 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, with respect to the conversion of existing closets to the Water Carriage System.

SCAVENGING.

No alteration has taken place in the method of refuse collection, and the disposal remains the same, viz. by incineration of all combustible material, and heaping of tins etc. There is a noticeable increase in the quantity of empty tins, and their disposal under present conditions is an uneconomical problem.

MILK SUPPLY.

The milk supply for the Borough is still maintained at a satisfactory standard. Milk is obtainable from Accredited Herds and also pasteurised for those who prefer it. There is no retail dairy shop in the Borough.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

The slaughterhouses are conducted in a satisfactory manner, and no statutory action has been necessary, either on account of cleanliness, method of slaughtering, or condition of carcasses.

Although the Slaughterhouses are situated in close proximity to dwellings, no complaint of nuisance has been received.

FISH FRYERS.

There are two well maintained fish frying establishments in the Borough. No complaint has been made, nor action found necessary with respect to these.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

The Factories and Workshops on the Register are as follows:-

Bake Houses.	3.	Boot and Shoe repairer.	4.
Dress makers.	4.	Printing works.	2.
Smiths.	2.	Carpenters & Builders.	4.
Distillery.	1.	Plumber & Painter.	1.

Motor Garages & Cycle Repairers. 4.

No action had to be taken to enforce requirements.

HOUSING

Twelve new houses have been completed and occupied. It is hoped that proposals for Sewerage and Water Supply will soon be a fact, so that these properties can be connected thereto.

Twenty-one houses have been recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, but no action has been taken thereon. The replacement of unfit houses is largely governed by financial conditions, the cost of building still being high, making rents proportionately high, which in a low wage earning area such as this, oftentimes causes undue burden on the lowest wage earner who is invariably affected by a re-housing scheme.

Your Obedient Servant,

H. AUSTIN REEVE

Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

1. INSPECTION of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

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| (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under P.H. and Housing Acts) | 42. |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. | 71. |
| (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. | 20. |
| (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. | 45. |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | 4. |
| (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. | 6. |

2. REMEDY of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices:-

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their officers.

8.

3. ACTION under Statutory Powers during Year:-

- (a) Proceedings under Secs.17,18 & 23 of Housing Act 1930. Nil
- (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 1.
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - (a) By Owners 1.
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owner. Nil.
- (c) Proceedings under Secs.19 & 21 of the Housing Act 1930:-
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. Nil.
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders. 4.
- (d) Proceedings under Sec.20 of the Housing Act,1930:-
 - (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. Nil.
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. Nil.

EYE 1939.

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